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SUBJECT: COUP ATTEMPT SITUATION REPORT

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1. SINCE SUBMISSION REFTEL, EXCHANGES OF FIRE IN DOWNTOWN KHARTOUM STREETS BECOMING LESS FREQUENT. TELEPHONE SERVICE PARTIALLY RESTORED. LOCAL SOURCE REPORTED FROM VICINITY OF OMDURMAN RADIO THAT SERIOUS FIGHTING OCCURRED THERE EARLIER IN DAY BUT WAS NOW OVER. AT APPROXIMATELY 1415, OMDURMAN RADIO RESUMED TRANSMISSION WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT COUP ATTEMPT VANQUISHED AND CALL TO KEY WORKERS TO RETURN TO WORK. REGIME'S DE FACTO NUMBER TWO MAN, RETIRED MAJOR ABUL GASSIUM MOHAMMED IBRAHIM, DELIVERED SHORT STATEMENT THEREAFTER CRITICIZING "BACKWARD PEOPLE AND RELIGIOUS PARTIES" FOR THEIR ROLES AND ALLEGING THAT "REACTIONARY, DIVISIVE FOREIGN POWER" WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR COUP ATTEMPT. IBRAHIM CALLED ON TV EMPLOYEES TO REPORT FOR DUTY BY 1600. AT 1500, RADIO STATED THAT NIMEIRI HIMSELF WOULD SHORTLY GIVE TV ADDRESS TO NATION.

2. MEANWHILE, OCCASIONAL RIFLE SHOTS FROM ISOLATED SNIPERS CONTINUE BE AUDIBLE IN VICINITY OF CHANCERY. EMBASSY IS MAINTAINING MAXIMUM PRECAUTIONS, BUT WE HOPE BE ABLE LEAVE BUILDING LATER IN DAY.

3. COMMENT. IBRAHIM WAS CLEARLY REFERRING TO WESTERN SUDANESE AND OLD-LINE UMMA AND NUP SYMPATHIZERS SOME OF WHOSE LEADERS HAVE BEEN LIVING IN EXILE IN LIBYA, NO DOUBT THE FOREIGN POWER IBRAHIM HAD IN MIND. (WE HAVE JUST HEARD THAT IBRAHIM ALSO STIGMATIZED UNNAMED FOREIGN ELEMENTS FOR HIRING REBELS FROM AMONG REFUGEES AND WORKING CLASS.) IBRAHIM WAS ABSENT ON GEZEIRA TOUR WHEN COUP ATTEMPT TOOK PLACE. HIS LIVE BROADCAST IS FURTHER EVIDENCE REGIME IS RESUMING CONTROL. BREWER

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